



ICD-10-PCS Coding Tip

Root Operation: Destruction

In an effort to aid Health Information Management Coding and Medical Billing Professionals with ICD-10, the following training tip is provided with an educational intent

With PCS coding, the third character defines the root operation, or the objective of the procedure. A complete list of root operations and their definitions can be found in Appendix A of the PCS Reference Manual.

Definition of Destruction: Physical eradication of all or a portion of a body part by the direct use of energy, force or a destructive agent

Explanation: Destruction “takes out” a body part in the sense that it obliterates the body part so it is no longer there. None of the body part is physically taken out.

Examples

Fulguration of rectal polyp, percutaneous approach	0D5P3ZZ
Fulguration of endometrium, percutaneous approach	0U5B3ZZ

References: 2014 ICD-10-PCS Reference Manual
<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/2014-ICD-10-PCS.html>

Coding Clinic is the official resource and authority for ICD-10 coding rules and conventions.

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